

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Joseph Johan Maria VAN RENS et al. Conf.

Application No. NEW DIVISIONAL Group

Filed March 29, 2004 Examiner

FORM-FILL-SEAL MACHINE

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
(SUBMISSION WITH CONTINUATION-IN-PART OR  
RULE 1.53(b) CONTINUATION OR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 29, 2004

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant(s) hereby submit(s) an Information Disclosure Statement for consideration by the Examiner.

I. LIST OF PATENTS, PUBLICATIONS OR OTHER INFORMATION

The patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the Office are listed on the PTO-1449 form(s), attached hereto.

II. COPIES

- Copies of the U.S. patents or publications are not submitted since the USPTO has waived their submission for applications filed after June 30, 2003.
- Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed.
- This application is a National Phase of a PCT application. Some or all of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 are not enclosed because they were cited in the International Search Report and copies should have been forwarded from the International Search Authority pursuant to the trilateral agreement between the USPTO, EPO and JPO, or they are U.S.

patents or U.S. published applications. If copies are needed, please contact the undersigned.

**III. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE**  
(check at least one box)

a.  **DOCUMENTS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

The attached non U.S. patents, non U.S. patent application publications, foreign publications, or other information in the English language do not require a statement of relevancy.

b.  **DOCUMENTS NOT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE**

A concise explanation of the relevance of all patents, publications, or other information listed that is not in the English language is as follows:

An English language abstract is provided for the Examiner's convenience

c.  **FOREIGN SEARCH REPORT OR ACTION**

An English language version of the search report or action that indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is attached, thereby satisfying the requirement for a concise explanation. See MPEP 609(A) (3).

d.  **OTHER**

**IV. REFERENCES PREVIOUSLY CITED OR SUBMITTED**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), consideration of information listed on the PTO-1449 form(s) is requested since any patents, publications, or other information which are listed on the PTO-1449 form(s) but for which copies are not enclosed herewith, were previously cited by or submitted to the PTO in one of the following applications which has been relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120:

U.S. Appl. No(s).

09/985,037

U.S. Filing Date(s)

November 1, 2001

III. FEES

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrent with the filing of a continuation-in-part, continuation, or divisional patent application; therefore, no fee is required.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning this IDS or requires a copy of any of the references cited but not provided, he/she is requested to contact the undersigned. If it is determined that this IDS has been filed under the wrong rule, the PTO is requested to consider this IDS under the proper rule (with a petition if necessary) and charge the appropriate fee to Deposit Account No. 25-0120.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

YOUNG & THOMPSON

*Benoit Castel*

---

Benoit Castel, Reg. No. 35,041  
745 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Telephone (703) 521-2297  
Telefax (703) 685-0573  
703) 979-4709

BC/maf

Enclosures:       PTO-1449  
                  References  
                  Foreign Search Report  
                  Other:

Revised March 29, 2004

<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION IN AN APPLICATION</b>  (Use several sheets if necessary)		Attorney Docket No.: <b>2007-1003-2</b>		Application No.: <b>NEW DIVISIONAL</b>		
		Applicant: <b>Joseph Johan Maria VAN RENS et al.</b>				
		Filing Date: <b>March 29, 2004</b>		Group Art Unit:		
<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing date (if appropriate)
	6,474,044	11/1/2002	Simionato			
	6,044,621	4/1/2000	Malin et al.			
	5,776,045	7/1/1998	Bodolay et al.			
	6,350,340	2/1/2002	Johnson			
	4,617,683	10/1/1986	Christoff			
	4,878,987	11/1/1989	Ven Erden			
	4,655,862	4/1/1987	Christoff et al.			
	5,672,009	9/1/1997	Malin			
	4,709,389	11/1/1987	Langenberg et al.			
	5,648,140	7/1/1997	Vaders			
	3,182,998	5/1/1965	Peterson			
	4,909,017	3/1/1990	McMahon et al.			
	5,373,933	12/1/1994	Plank et al.			
	5,600,906	2/1/1997	Hamid			
	4,614,512	9/1/1986	Capdeboscq			
	4,876,842	10/31/1989	Ausnit			
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>						
Examiner Initial	Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Subclass	Translation
						Yes
	0 873 856	10/1/1998	EUROPE			
	98/03328	1/1/1998	PCT			
	2,772,004	6/11/1999	FRANCE			*
<b>OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)</b>						
EXAMINER:		DATE CONSIDERED				
EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP § 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to the applicant.						

\* Abstract provided for the Examiner's convenience